

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**v.  
TONYA MARIE THOMAS**

**RESPONDENT,**

**APPELLANT.**

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DOCKET NUMBER WD77564

DATE: July 28, 2015

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Appeal From:

Jackson County Circuit Court  
The Honorable Joel P. Fahnestock, Judge

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Appellate Judges:

Division Four: Alok Ahuja, Chief Judge, Presiding, Karen King Mitchell, Judge and Gary D. Witt, Judge

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**MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY**

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Appellant Tonya Thomas appeals the circuit court's judgment convicting her of resisting arrest. On appeal, she claims that the evidence was insufficient to support the conviction.

**AFFIRMED**

Division Four holds:

- (1) The escape rule could be applied to dismiss Thomas's appeal because she failed to appear for her sentencing, delaying justice for several months.
- (2) A review of the record indicates that there was evidence to support Thomas's conviction beyond a reasonable doubt where the officers testified that that they had dealt with Thomas in the past, recognized her on sight, and saw her in the driver's seat of the vehicle that sped away from them at speeds up to 91 miles an hour while the officers' lights and sirens were activated.

Opinion by Gary D. Witt, Judge

July 28, 2015

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